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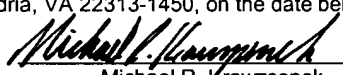
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Re: *U.S. Patent Application No. 10/069,313 entitled "SAMPLING SYSTEM" By Armitage et al.*  
*Our ref. GENS:008US*

Commissioner:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced patent application is:

- (1) An Amendment; A Response to the Office Action Dated December 16, 2003; and A Request for a Three-Month Extension of Time;
- (2) A check for \$475.00 as the fee for the extension of time; and
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Title: SAMPLING SYSTEM  
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Applicant: Armitage *et al.*  
Filed: April 9, 2002  
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**I. AMENDMENT; II. A RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 16, 2004; AND III A REQUEST FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit this Second Preliminary Amendment for consideration in the above-referenced case.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begins on page 7 of this paper.

**A Request for a Three-Month Extension of Time** begins on page 17 of this paper.

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